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Jennifer,

The way I interpret the potential question is: "Could a blowout, similar to what occurred in the Animas, happen in Park City as a result of EPA activities?" If that is a correct interpretation, I would rearrange your response to discuss the last 2 sentences first. Specifically: the mine drainage tunnels in Park City are generally maintained so there is limited ponding of water behind collapsed mine shafts that could suddenly release into the river. As a result, the primary mining concern is related to surface water runoff from tailings piles.

Hopefully, that provides enough detail to address any community concerns but is not too far into the weeds as to derail your meeting. I'll be thinking of you all tomorrow evening. - lw

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Hi all. In preparation for our meeting tomorrow night in Park City, the following is a draft answer to the most likely question that we'll get about the Animas situation:

Q. Could something like what happened in Silverton happen in Park City?

A. No because there are some significant differences. We are not dealing with acid mine

drainage in Park City. The geology is different: In Park City we find lead sulfides which do not result in acid mine drainage in the same way the iron sulfides do in the Silverton area. Also, in Park City, we are mainly dealing with surface water runoff. Finally, the mine drainage tunnels are largely maintained in Park City, as opposed those in Silverton which have long been abandoned.

How does this sound?

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